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FOLL REPEAT GENEVA 4368 ACTION SECSTATE 11 JUN 75:

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S E C R E T GENEVA 4368

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CSCE PFOR XG PARM

SUBJECT: CSCE: PARAMETERS FOR MANEUVER CBM

REF: GENEVA 4351

1. NEUTRALS DID NOT REPEAT NOT INTRODUCE COMPROMISE FIGURES AT JUNE 11 CBM MEETING, OSTENSIBLY BECAUSE SWISS DELEGATION HELD OUT AGAINST GIVING THIS MUCH TO SOVIETS AT THIS STAGE OF CONFERENCE. (SWISS HAVE REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED, CONTRARY TO GENERAL IMPRESSION, THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY OUTSTANDING ISSUES FOR SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN JULY.)

2. ALLIED REPORTS INDICATE NEUTRALS HAVE LEARNED OF NEW
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"WASHINGTON" PARAMETERS OF 250 KMS, 30,000 TROOPS, AND 18

DAYS AND WE SUSPECT THAT REAL REASON FOR NEUTRAL DELAY IS COMBINATION OF SOVIET PRESSURE AND NEUTRAL FEARS THAT ALLIES WILL NOW UNDERCUT THEM BY AGREEING TO SOFTER TERMS WITH SOVIETS.

3. SOVIET DEL IS AWARE THAT "WASHINGTON" PARAMETERS WILL NOT LEAD TO CSCE CONSENSUS, AND SOVIETS ARE PROBABLY PREPARED TO INCREASE AREA TO 300 KMS, AND TIMING TO 21 DAYS. THEY HAVE SHOWN NO FLEXIBILITY TO DATE ON 30,000 TROOP THRESHOLD, AND ARE PROBABLY STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER THEY CAN BRING OTHERS TO THIS FIGURE. AT DELEGATION LEVEL, UK AND MOST OTHER ALLIES ARE NOT YET AUTHORIZED EVEN TO GO TO 25,000, AND ANY CHANGE WOULD ONLY BE ON INSTRUCTIONS. IN JUNE 11 CONVERSATION, SOVIET AMBASSADOR MENDELEVICH ASKED US TO EXPEDITE INSTRUCTED REACTIONS FROM UK, FRG AND FRANCE TO "WASHINGTON" PARAMETERS. WE TOLD MENDELEVICH THAT WE ASSUMED THAT SUBSTANCE OF THESE REPLIES WOULD BE CONVEYED TO SOVIETS PROMPTLY, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR IN GENEVA. DALE UNQUOTE

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